UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JOSE A. VARGAS,

Plaintiff,

<u>ORDER</u> 1:24-CV-03199-GRJ

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COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

GARY R. JONES, United States Magistrate Judge:

Pending before the Court is the parties' Stipulation for Allowance of Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act. (Docket No. 28.) The parties have stipulated that Plaintiff should be awarded eleven thousand five hundred dollars (\$11,500.00) in attorney's fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

Upon due consideration, it is **ORDERED**:

Plaintiff is awarded attorney's fees under the EAJA in the amount of \$11,500.00. The payment of attorney's fees is subject to any offsetting debt owed by the Plaintiff to the United States. Before the Commissioner shall be obligated to pay the EAJA fees, the Commissioner must determine whether Plaintiff owes a debt to the government. In the event the United

States Department of the Treasury determines that Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, the Commissioner must then pay the fees directly to Plaintiff's counsel.

Dated: June 3, 2025

GARY R. JONES

s / Gary R., Jones

United States Magistrate Judge